



Spring 2021

SilverLining

Nevada Talking Book Services

Marrakesh Treaty Implementation

Eligibility

Persons unable to read or use print materials as a result of a temporary or permanent visual or physical limitation

Talking Books

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Closed State
Holidays

NLS is working to implement the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled, which provides for the exchange of accessible format works across international borders by organizations (Authorized Entities, or AEs) that serve people who are blind, visually impaired, or print disabled. To that end, NLS is continuing to develop partnerships with international AEs and with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to exchange collections. NLS is also determining what content to import that best serves our patrons.

Patrons can now begin to access more of this Marrakesh content on BARD. The new prefixes DBG (for digital talking books in foreign languages and in English) and BRG (BARD-only braille books) denote works obtained via the treaty. In the near future, BARD-only musical scores obtained via the treaty will also be available.

In addition, NLS is making enhancements to the BARD main page and to BARD's foreign-language collection section to further patrons' ability to browse, find, select, and access all the foreign-language content NLS adds to its collection.

Later this year and in partnership with WIPO's Accessible Book Consortium (ABC), NLS will test a new interface being established by ABC's Global Book Service (GBS), an online repository of hundreds of thousands of titles from around the world. ABC believes the new GBS portal will provide an enhanced universal catalog and more streamlined and faster downloading. More information about NLS's implementation of the treaty can be found at www.loc.gov/nls/about/organization/laws-regulations/marrakesh-treaty and at www.loc.gov/nls/about/organization/laws-regulations/marrakesh-treaty/marrakeshtreaty-implementation.

From NLS Operations Alert No. 21-22

BARD Mobile iOS Versions Supported

A number of patrons and libraries have recently reported that certain BARD account holders are either no longer able to log into BARD Mobile or can no longer see their Wish Lists from within BARD Mobile on their iOS devices. NLS has determined that these problems are related to the older versions of iOS devices.

The current version of BARD Mobile for iOS, version 1.4.1, is supported by devices running iOS 11 and above. A list of all devices capable of running iOS 11 is available from Apple at <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT209574>. We encourage patrons using devices on that list but not yet running iOS 11 to upgrade their operating systems.

We understand that very old devices may not be able to upgrade to iOS 11 and regret the difficulty this may cause for some patrons. NLS is not able to support BARD Mobile on devices running iOS 10.0 or below. And there is no known option that would allow patrons to download and install any version of BARD Mobile prior to 1.4.1.

From NLS Operations Alert No. 21-20

NLS Aspiring Leaders Internship Program

Applications are now being accepted for the National Library Service (NLS) Aspiring Leaders Internship Program.

Established through the National Library for the Blind Endowment, this paid internship offers legally blind individuals the opportunity to work at NLS in areas that support services for the blind, including collections building, program delivery, and business oversight and management. Through this program, interns will gain valuable experience and explore potential career options while being guided through mentorships and developmental activities. The program runs during spring, summer, and fall sessions, between 10 to 12 weeks each session.

Currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students and those who have graduated within the past five years from an accredited two-year or four-year college or university are eligible to apply. In addition, applicants:

- Must be a US citizen

- Must be legally blind

- Must be able to work remotely

A complete application package includes a cover letter expressing interest, a resume, a recent official or unofficial transcript, and an application form that is completed online.

All interns will work remotely.

To learn more about the program and the application process, visit www.loc.gov/nls/about/internship-program.

From NLS Operations Alert 21-15

New Books from the Recording Program

The recording program is not able to resume narration of books due to COVID-19. So we have only one new title to share with you in this issue.

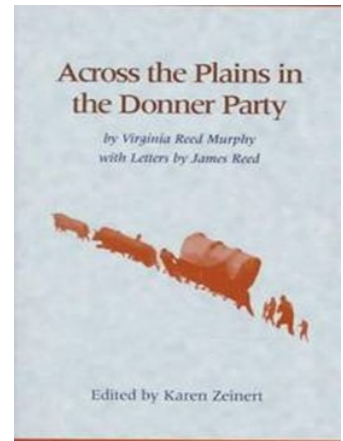
Across the Plains in the Donner Party

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By Virginia Reed Murphy,

Narrated by Kris Moe

This is the story of the Donner party, the 83 pioneers snowbound in California's Sierra Nevada mountains in 1846. This book is based on an article by Virginia Reed and supplemented with her step-father, James Reed, letters to family. Contains some violence and some strong language. 1996.



Now Available Through DoD

The recording program has been using this time to add previously recorded titles to the duplication on demand system. Some are listed here for you to request.

NVD01053 *Violent Land: Tales the Old Timers Tell*

By Robert Laxalt

NVD01077 *A Cup of Tea in Pamplona*

By Robert Laxalt

NVD01096 *Tales of Nevada*

NVD01101 *Tales of Nevada V. 2*

By Norm Nielson,

NVD01173 *Devils Will Reign: How Nevada Began*

By Sally Zanjani

NVD01172 *The Gods of Diyala: Transfer of Command in Iraq*

By Caleb S. Cage

NVD01179 *Pat McCarran, Political Boss of Nevada*

By Jerome Edwards

NVD01183 *George Wingfield: Owner and Operator of Nevada*

By C. Elizabeth Raymond

Book Reviews by Philip Cooney

Fever: A Nameless Detective by Bill Pronzini

DB 98965

Our detectives are hired to locate a missing woman by her husband. They accomplish this quickly, but she disappears again. The second part deals with a very religious woman concerned about her son's troubles. On the way to resolutions, they explore the seedy world of loan sharks, gambling addiction, adultery, prostitution, and other related troubles.

I found the first half dozen chapters a bit preachy. Most of the story showed a thorough knowledge of the Bay Area and its history. The author also seems to know quite a bit about investigative techniques and the laws pertaining to investigation. (He includes a note to bring the reader up to date on the laws about internet gambling.)

The story moves at a good pace with plenty of twists and turns. Though I won't reveal the ending, it ends well for some, not so well for others. With little humor, the author lays out the story methodically, and the success of our detectives is never in doubt.

Inside the Five-Sided Box by Ash Carter

DB 95923

The audience for this book is those interested in government without the politics. The author tells his story of 35 years working in and around the Department of Defense (DOD). This is a primer about what a Secretary of Defense ought to be. The book is dense with facts and stories. The stories always demonstrate a principle or point the author wants to emphasize. He also leads the reader through several crises and how they were resolved, then he tells how some of them could have gone wrong and how to avoid it.

The author says he attempted to be non-partisan during his career yet was labeled a Democrat because his first major post at DOD was under the Clinton administration. He recounts his dealings with generals, congress members, presidential staff and even presidents themselves. When working with anyone in his professional capacity, he came from a place of honor and trustworthiness. He says some of the principles he used with military types were order, clarity, and consistency. The author gives many examples of innovative solutions to new problems. He tells how he applied his education in theoretical physics and medieval history to situations that seemed inventive. And he has a lot of memories about persons, recent history, and postings over his career.

I enjoyed the book. It told the story of a decent man who dedicated himself to serving the nation's needs rather than his own self-interest. There was a lot of knowledge in this book; it would take more than one read to absorb it all. It was well written. The examples spoke to the points he was making very well.

COVID-19 Accessible Resources

COVID-19 guidance and resources are available in braille, accessible Word and PDF documents and American Sign Language through the Georgia Tech Center for Inclusive Design and Innovation website at <https://cidi.gatech.edu/covid>

Categories of information include: Symptoms, Testing, and Treatment; Prevention & Cleaning; People with Disabilities; School Safety; Mental Health & Therapy; Travel and Communities.

If you do not have the ability to go online to request the braille documents, we will do this for you. Please call and ask for COVID 19 documents in braille.

Reminder: No More Paper Newsletters

You may have received the Winter newsletter on one of your book cartridges. With the ability to add these to an outgoing cartridge, we will no longer send out the large print copies of the newsletter. All patrons will receive either an audio copy or an email with a text version attached. We hope we assigned the correct format, but please let us know if we need to change this for you. We hope you enjoy this new format.

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